

on the issue of independence for Khalistan. There should also be similar plebiscites for Kashmir, Nagaland, and every other nation that seeks its freedom from Indian rule. India says there is no support for these freedom movements. Well, it is time for India to prove its point by holding a free vote on the matter. This is the only way for the people of South Asia to live in freedom, peace, democracy, and stability.

Mr. Speaker, there will be demonstrations around the world this weekend to commemorate the Golden Temple attack. The one in Washington will be led by the Council of Khalistan. I would like to insert their very informative flyer into the RECORD at this time.

TRIBUTE TO ENNIS JAMES
MCCORVEY, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deacon Ennis James (E.J.) McCorvey, Jr., a noted family man and community servant. A native of Tunnel Springs, Alabama, Deacon McCorvey was also a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen crew.

Deacon McCorvey entered into eternal rest earlier this year, but his memory will remain with us because of his substantial commitment to his faith and contributions to his fellow citizens.

Deacon McCorvey attended Tuskegee Institute, leaving when he was drafted into the armed forces. He served his country as a mechanic for the famed Tuskegee Airmen. He subsequently worked as an aircraft mechanic and power collator operator at both Maxwell and Gunter Air Force Bases. After leaving active duty he became a successful entrepreneur in Montgomery, Alabama along with his three brothers. Throughout his business career, he continued to serve the public interest by helping numerous Alabama State College students acquire off campus housing while encouraging them to continue their academic studies.

A leader in all respects, Deacon McCorvey stood out the most while communing among the people of Beulah Baptist Church, where he was a member of the Deacon Board. He developed initiatives that included purchasing junior choir robes and chairs for the Sunday School classes. His selflessness became legendary in his church and throughout his community.

Deacon McCorvey is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mavis Davis McCorvey, his devoted son Ennis and daughter-in-law, Pamela, a loving daughter, Amanda Bowers and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Deacon Ennis James McCorvey, Jr., for a lifetime of family commitments and community fellowships. The people of his native Alabama, his family in South Carolina and all those who knew him will always remember him for his passion, integrity, and dedication to God and Country.

CONGRATULATING JOHN H. BRYAN
OF CHICAGO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend John H. Bryan of Chicago on being presented the Restore America Hero Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures, and Home & Garden Television at their Second Annual Preservation Gala.

Mr. Bryan epitomizes the principles on which this award is bestowed. His meaningful involvement to maintain America's historic and cultural treasures provides future generations the opportunity to experience American history. Mr. Bryan continues to distinguish himself through his relentless commitment and leadership to the preservation of historic American landmarks.

While Mr. Bryan is a Mississippi native, he has spent much of his time in Chicago, serving as the Chairman and CEO of the Sara Lee Corporation. It was in these positions that he helped instill the value of community involvement into the corporate world. Mr. Bryan, changed the paradigm of Sara Lee, creating the notion that it was in the best interest of the company and society at large for a business to involve itself in the community. The result at Sara Lee is a community of people that enjoy volunteering with civic and social organizations. Sara Lee additionally donates five percent of its net income to charities.

Mr. Bryan also sits on the board of Goldman Sachs, Bank One Corporation, British Petroleum, and General Motors where his vision and leadership are recognized as essential assets to company and community growth.

Mr. Bryan has also donated tremendous amount of time and energy to the arts. He is affiliated with many non-profit organizations and has had the opportunity to serve as a trustee of the University of Chicago and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Because of his appreciation and love of Chicago, Mr. Bryan was appointed to the Board of Directors of Millennium Park by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. In this role Mr. Bryan has worked to change the urban landscape of Chicago, by dedicating his time to developing this uniquely Chicago treasure. Under his guidance, \$200 million, or one half of the funding needed to erect the park, was raised from Chicago's business community. Mr. Bryan was able to communicate to these two groups that the opportunity to create a lasting legacy in Chicago was in their hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois and indeed all of Chicago, I am privileged to congratulate John H. Bryan, one of Chicago's great benefactors, on receiving the Restore America Hero Award and recognize the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures, and Home & Garden Television for bestowing this award on such an admirable recipient. I wish him, his wife, and their four children continued happiness and success in the future.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the House today is considering legislation that continues to ignore the real needs of our families.

Today's energy bill won't create jobs, won't lower gas prices and weakens our strong environmental standards that protect our nation's health.

America needs a comprehensive energy plan that strengthens our national security, grows our economy and protects our environment.

We need to pass legislation that invests in energy-efficient technologies of the 21st century, expands conservation efforts and builds an infrastructure based on renewable, home-grown fuels.

Democrats have a plan that would appropriate sufficient funds for the development of domestic energy sources. This includes measures to increase the use of renewable energy resources and the use of emerging technologies that could increase energy efficiency and reduce overall energy consumption.

Unfortunately, Republicans won't allow this plan to be considered.

Once again the House is considering pork-laden energy legislation that adds \$140 billion to our deficit, benefits the Republicans special interest friends and fails to create twenty-first century jobs without providing energy independence.

The Republican energy plan on the floor today is the same one the House passed last year. Their plan still tilts too far towards oil and natural gas production. I support domestic production of oil and natural gas. It must be done sensibly, however, to not harm our nation's environment.

I also strongly support investing in energy efficient technology and renewable fuels. Minnesota leads the nation in wind power, ethanol and biodiesel. The energy bill we are passing yet again fails to adequately recognize these homegrown fuels.

Instead of passing the balanced energy plan Minnesotans demand, the Republicans have loaded this bill up with giveaways to corporations making record profits.

I will not vote for a pork-filled energy bill that doesn't meet our nation's energy needs for the first century.

I urge my colleagues to vote no today.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th year of existence of the Bible Baptist Church of Hendersonville, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 35th anniversary on July 24–25, 2004.

Bible Baptist Church has grown from its original 60 members to more than 500 members today. The church has served the community and its congregation well for the past